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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 26 - 30 August 2002
Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

(U//~~AIUO~~) 17 September 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Principals' meeting at the EEOB in Washington, DC

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//~~AIUO~~) 4 October 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Liaisons' meeting at Crystal City.

(U//~~AIUO~~) 8-9 January 2003: Historical Review Panel: Next meeting at [redacted] (b)(3)

(U//AIUO) April 2003: The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended, for unreviewed intelligence-related or multi-agency records.

Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:

(U//~~AIUO~~) CIA Declassification Center

(U//~~AIUO~~) CDC Releases 2.2 Million Pages at NARA

(U//~~AIUO~~) The CIA Declassification Center (CDC) this week released some 2.2 million pages to the public at the National Archives in College Park, Maryland as part of its implementation of the automatic declassification provision of Executive Order 12958. The records, which are in electronic format, are contained in the CIA Records SEarch Tool (CREST) in the Archives library and are available to all researchers. They are fully text-searchable. This weeks' release makes up the electronic portion of CDC's 2001 released records. The release, scheduled for late September 2001, was delayed by the events of 9/11 and subsequent checks to ensure that current homeland securities sensitivities including weapons of mass destruction were thoroughly addressed in these newly released documents. With this release, we now have over 5 million pages of CIA records available to the public on the CREST System at College Park. [redacted] (b)(3)

(U//~~AIUO~~) The 2.2 million pages consists of records dated from 1951 to 1978 with quantities about equally distributed over those years. Documents released include both CIA products and business records from all CIA directorates and MSO areas. DCI area records released include Policy Files, History Staff, and Subject files. From the Directorate of Intelligence researchers will find O/DDI policy files, historical files, policy files, and finished intelligence collections. Directorate of Science and Technology records released in this collection include collection programs mission files, contract and procurement files, history files and subject files. Also included are a significant number of Scientific Abstracts and Consolidated Translation Summaries of foreign technical publications acquired during the height of the Cold War. [redacted]

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(U//~~AIUO~~) From the Archives: Letter from DCI Dulles to Jackie Kennedy in 1959

(U//~~AIUO~~) DCI Allen Dulles apparently enjoyed Ian Fleming's James Bond books as indicated in the following 17 November 1959 letter to Mrs. John F. Kennedy:

" Dear Jackie:

Months ago you kindly loaned me a book by Ian Fleming, which I read with vast interest, and thereafter when I was in London, I got in touch with the author.

Now I have just got my hands on a later edition of what I believe is the author's last publication, which is a similar thriller

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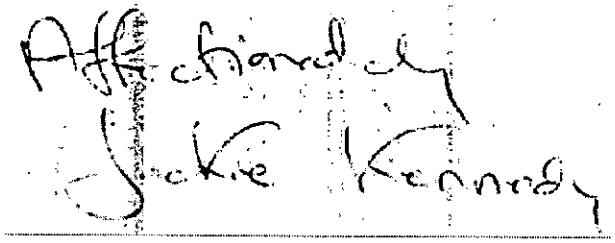
to the one you gave me, and I send it along, hoping you have not already seen it."

Jackie Kennedy responded with a handwritten note:

"How unbelievably thoughtful of you to send me *Goldfinger* - I am delighted with it - and it is being coveted by Jack and his father. Affectionately, Jackie Kennedy."



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(U//~~AIUO~~) Publications Review Board

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(U//~~AIUO~~) FOIA Requests

(U//~~AIUO~~) Coast Guard NCO Interested in Blood Drinkers

(U//~~AIUO~~) A Non-commissioned Officer assigned to a US Coast Guard cutter requested records on any reported cases of, or government investigation on, "vampires, being either human blood drinkers, murderers or so-called real vampires." He also, in the same letter, asked for records pertaining to paranormal/supernatural research societies or organizations.

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(U//~~AIUO~~) Author Seeks Information on Former Baseball Player and OSS Employee
(U//~~AIUO~~) A published author, and frequent FOIA requester, submitted a request for previously released records relating to Morris (Moe) Berg, a former professional baseball player who served overseas with the OSS.

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(U//~~AIUO~~) Australian Journalist Interested in Recently Deceased Cold War Defector
(U//~~AIUO~~) A reporter for the Brisbane, Australia *Courier-Mail* requested records pertaining to "Evdokia Petrov, a former code clerk at the Soviet Embassy in Canberra, Australia, until her 20 April 1954 defection. Mrs. Petrov's defection followed that of her husband, Vladimir, an MVD officer covered as a Third Secretary at the embassy, by 17 days, and occurred only after Australian authorities disarmed the Soviet Embassy 'couriers' who were assigned to forcibly escort her back to the Soviet Union."

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(U//~~AIUO~~) Freelance Writer Looking into Disappearance and Murder of Army Officer in 1944
(U//~~AIUO~~) A freelance author who is writing a magazine article requested records concerning "Major William V. Holohan, commander of an OSS mission who disappeared, and was allegedly murdered, three months after he and his team parachuted into northern Italy in September 1944."

- *The FOIA case manager sent the requester a list of 69 responsive, previously released documents, comprising nearly 500 pages, from which he may select those he wishes to receive.* (b)(3)

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